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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance because such statement may have unintentionally introduced some ambiguities in what was otherwise a very concise and thorough examination of the claims of this patent application.

By way of example and without attempting to reiterate each of the patentability aspects that may have been discussed throughout the examination of this case, Applicants point out that the claims do not recite "providing power to a network."

Applicant respectfully submits that any ambiguities in the prosecution history that could arguably result due to inaccuracies and/or inconsistencies in the Statement Of Reasons Of Allowance not be interpreted against the applicant, because the express language of each of the claims arrived at via a thorough and rigorous examination should supersede and control over any after-the-fact claim-paraphrasing language that may have been used as part of the Statement Of Reasons For Allowance.

While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Also, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or claims (see 37 CFR §1.104(e)). In the present case, Applicants believe the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, Applicants do not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance and do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's interpretation of the teachings of the cited art.

Respectfully submitted,

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